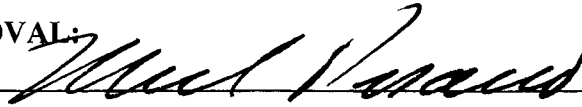


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**DATE:** January 3, 2008  
**TO:** Administrative Committee  
Regional Council  
**FROM:** Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer, 213-236-1804, [moore@scag.ca.gov](mailto:moore@scag.ca.gov)  
**SUBJECT:** Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Applications

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize SCAG to apply for, and if awarded, accept, \$330,250 in Transportation Planning Grant Applications grant funds which are competitively awarded by Caltrans.

## **SUMMARY:**

On an annual basis, Caltrans solicits applications statewide from Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) and other local government and non-profit entities engaged in regional planning activities. For many of these categories, SCAG as the MPO for this region, must be the applicant, with cities, counties, public agencies, non-profits and Native American Tribal Governments as sub-recipients. The attached list reflects the applications recommended for submittal to Caltrans for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2009 application cycle.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Each year, Caltrans solicits applications for the following categories of transportation planning grants:

- Partnership Planning – planning studies of multi-regional and statewide significance. (\$1,000,000 available statewide; grant cap \$300,000.)
- Statewide Transit Planning Studies – transit studies of issues having statewide or multi-regional significance. (\$1,200,000 available statewide; grant cap \$300,000.)
- Transit Technical Planning Assistance – public and intermodal transportation planning studies in rural transit areas. (\$1,000,000 available statewide; grant cap \$100,000.)
- Transit Professionals Development – training and development of transit planning professionals and students. (\$300,000 available statewide; grant cap \$50,000.)
- Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning- projects that promote public participation to improve mobility, access, equity affordable housing, and economic opportunities. (\$3,000,000 available statewide; grant cap \$250,000.)

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- Community-Based Transportation Planning – transportation and land use planning that promotes public participation and supports livable community concepts. (\$3,000,000 available statewide; grant cap \$300,000.)

Each type of grant requires cash and/or in-kind local match, ranging from 11.47% to 20.00% of the total project value. The FY 2007-2008 OWP includes 11 previously awarded Transportation Planning Grants reflecting over \$1,400,000 in total grant funding.

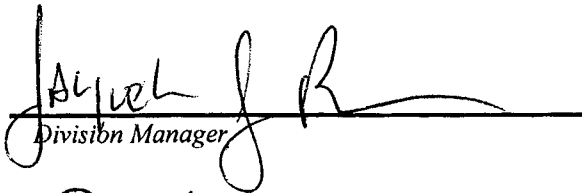
SCAG staff has reviewed applications submitted by sub-recipients for completeness and compliance with Caltrans requirements. Application requirements include the provision that projects must demonstrate consideration of the criteria found in the Federal Planning Emphasis Areas and State Planning Priorities. Per Caltrans requirements, each project will also be included the draft SCAG FY 2008-2009 OWP that is required to be submitted to Caltrans in early 2008.

Attached is a listing of the project applications received by SCAG and recommended for submittal to Caltrans. The listing includes the project name, the grant type and amount, the required match, and the sub-recipient. Caltrans anticipates awarding projects by June 2008.

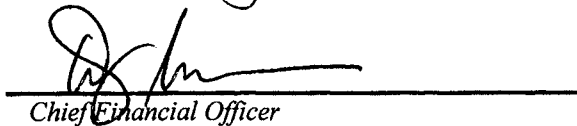
## FISCAL IMPACT:

Awarded projects will provide additional funding and the required associated match in SCAG's OWP to conduct the approved projects.

Reviewed  
by:

  
Division Manager

Affirmed  
by:

  
Chief Financial Officer

## 2008-2009 Transportation Planning Grant Applications

	Project Title	Total Project	Grant Funds	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Other	Source of Match	Actual Cash & In-Kind Match %	Type	Applicant/Co-Applicant
1	<b>Employment Local and Trend Data For TOD</b>	346,235	300,000	0	46,235		UCLA	0.1335	5305 (formerly 5313b)	SCAG/UCLA
	Create a TOD planning tool that will enable redevelopment and economic development professionals to add their comments to specific employment zones that reflect their views on trends and transit availability that will also assist in identifying infill economic development locations. Activities include acquiring, analyzing and displaying economic data as well as in hosting and providing a web-accessible application for mapping, data analysis and other requested functions. Economic data elements for the entire region, will include 1) economic development trend data from the State Employment Development Department, 2) information derived from detailed business data sources such as Dunn and Bradstreet and Info USA, 3) SCAG's IGR information source along with (4) economic information sources that can be assembled at the municipal level.									
2	<b>SunLine Transit Professional Development Program</b>	34,169	30,250	3,919	5,000		SunLine	0.1147	5305 (formerly 5313b)	SCAG/SunLine Transit
	Implement a Transit Professional Development Program for the transit planning staff at SunLine, which is the regional transit provider for the Coachella Valley. The Transit Professional Development program is intended to provide more training to the transit planning staff to augment their technical skills in designing service routes to maximize service effectiveness and efficiency. Training will include: 1. Transit and Paratransit Management Certificate Program; 2. Introduction to Transit Operations Planning; 3. Managing Transportation & Land Use Interactions; 4. Geographic Information Systems Certificate Program; 5. Computer-Aided Drafting & Design Certificate Program.									
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$380,404</b>	<b>\$330,250</b>	<b>\$3,919</b>	<b>\$51,235</b>	<b>\$0</b>				

**Notes:**

Actual match shown - may be higher than required minimum match

5305 requires minimum 11.47% match